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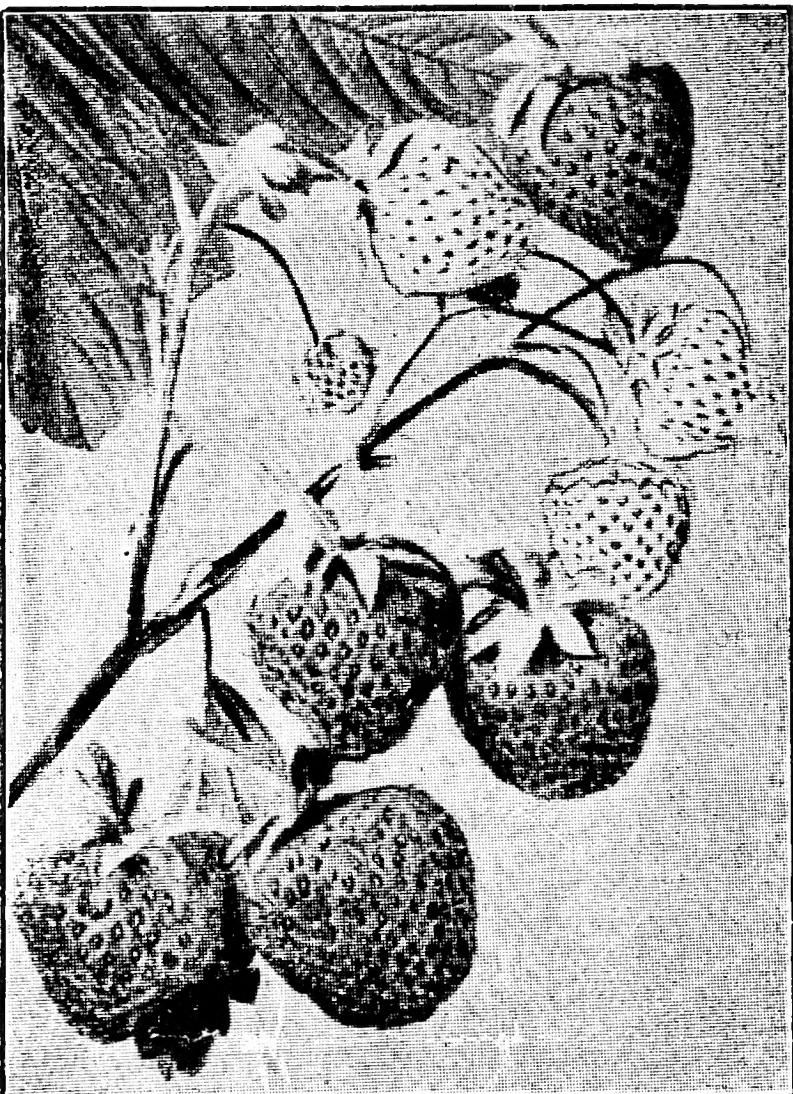
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# PERRY'S CATALOGUE

Select Strawberry Plants  
and Sweet Potato Plants



GEM—An Outstanding New Everbearing Variety

BASIL PERRY

GEORGETOWN

- - - DELAWARE

# Description of Varieties

**PREMIER (Early)** — Introduced more than twenty years ago every strawberry grower has heard of the Premier for it is largely planted in almost all sections, and by almost all strawberry growers. It is one of the best and most popular varieties ever introduced and claimed by many to be without an equal for any purpose. It is a great success in almost all sections and on any soil. The plants are good growers, large and heavy-rooted. It ripens with the earliest, is very productive, the fruit is large and of delicious flavor, firm, a good keeper, ships well and sells for good prices. Many claim it is the most profitable variety they have ever grown. If you want a good early variety that is not easily killed by frost, and one that bears through a long season you will make no mistake in planting Premier. On all soils and under all conditions I do not believe any of the newer varieties of the same season are as good as Premier.

**HOWARD 17.** — This berry is exactly the same as Premier.

**DORSETT (Early)** — This new variety stands at the top in quality. Better than any other commercial kind except Fairfax which has equal quality. For this reason Dorsett is one of the best for home garden and for local markets. When sold by name buyers will come back for more. Many claim it is as early as Premier but with us it starts two days later than Premier. Fruit somewhat darker than Premier but not as dark as Fairfax. Dorsett lasts through a long season holding on until most of the late varieties are about through. This variety makes very large strong plants and for this reason produces very large berries. They are firm enough to stand shipment to distant markets and arrive in good condition.

**FAIRFAX (Early)** — Unquestionably the firmest and finest quality berry we have grown. Berries are very large and uniform, holding their size well to the end of the season. The flesh is exceedingly firm and meaty, excelling Dorsett in this respect. Ripens with Premier or a few days later in some localities. A good canning variety. Plants large and vigorous. Probably its chief fault lies in its color which is rather dark and with a tendency to become more so after being picked. A good commercial variety and one of the finest for home use.

**BIG JOE** — Also known as Joe Johnson. One of the best, if not the best, of the mid-season varieties. The plants are exceedingly vigorous and make fine fruiting beds on any soil that will produce strawberries. Makes good under nearly all conditions. Berries are firm, bright red in color, almost perfect in shape, of very large size and produced in great abundance for so large a berry. Sells for top prices. It is a fine table berry, and I can recommend it for home use or for distant market.

**CATSKILL** — Midseason to late. Was originated by the New York Exp. Station where it has been grown for several years and is highly recommended for its size, yield and attractiveness. Catskill is a cross of Marshall and Premier and must take its fruiting qualities after Premier for it is a heavy producer and in tests made has even outyielded that variety and seems to be second to none in yield under normal conditions. The berries are large in size, bright red in color with a bright green cap that makes an attractive appearance and of excellent quality and flavor. The plant growth is unusually vigorous with long fibrous roots that penetrate deep in the soil making them drouth resistant. The foliage is healthy and vigorous, makes plants freely, in fact on good ground may need spacing or thinning for best results as the berries in nearly all varieties are the largest and best where the plants are not too thick.

**CHESAPEAKE (Late)** — One of the handsomest and best flavored varieties. Nearly as late as Gandy, larger and just as firm, much more productive and without green tips. Berries are uniform in size and shape and are bright crimson in color.

**NEW YORK** — This is the sweetest strawberry grown. The plant is a vigorous grower, producing a moderate number of large, healthy plants. The berries are medium to large in size, dark red in color, but only moderately firm in texture. New York is a home garden berry. It is the only strawberry we know of that is sweet before it gets red. We have many calls for New York from those whose health does not permit them to eat berries which are in any way tart or acid in quality.

**CORSICAN** — This berry is exactly the same as New York.

# BASIL PERRY

GROWER OF

## TRUE TO NAME STRAWBERRY PLANTS

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GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE

DEAR FRIENDS AND PATRONS:—

I am writing you in reference to your orders for Strawberry Plants as I have a million of them grown on land that is especially adapted for producing large size, well rooted disease free plants. My plants are properly fertilized and cultivated under the best methods for producing best quality Strawberry Plants, they are State Certified and 100 per cent true to name. You cannot get any better plants no matter where you get them.

I have had thirty years experience in growing and shipping plants, I give your orders my prompt and personal attention in regards to the growing, digging, packing shipping, etc., assuring you the most efficient service, the plants are put in proper shape and tied in bundles of 26 plants each correctly labeled and packed in light baskets and crates with plenty of damp moss so they will reach you in perfect condition for planting and producing a very large crop of fine Strawberries.

If you care to favor me with a share or all of your patronage I assure you that it will be a pleasure for me to serve you and I believe you will be pleased with the results from my plants, I will certainly do my best to please you.

Sincerely yours,

**BASIL PERRY,**

THE STRAWBERRY MAN

OF GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE

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### WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS TELL US

**WM. C. WHEELER OF RHODE ISLAND**—Writes Strawberry Plants received in excellent condition, the best plants we have ever bought.

**E. H. NEFF OF NEW YORK**—Writes Excellent Plants received in fresh condition, all right to grow.

**CHAS. E. WOOD OF NEW YORK**—Writes my order of Strawberry Plants arrived in fine condition, they were packed very nicely and were just as fresh as if they had just come out of the ground.

**G. W. BARRETT OF RHODE ISLAND**—Writes the Strawberry Plants I bought from you were the best I've ever had.

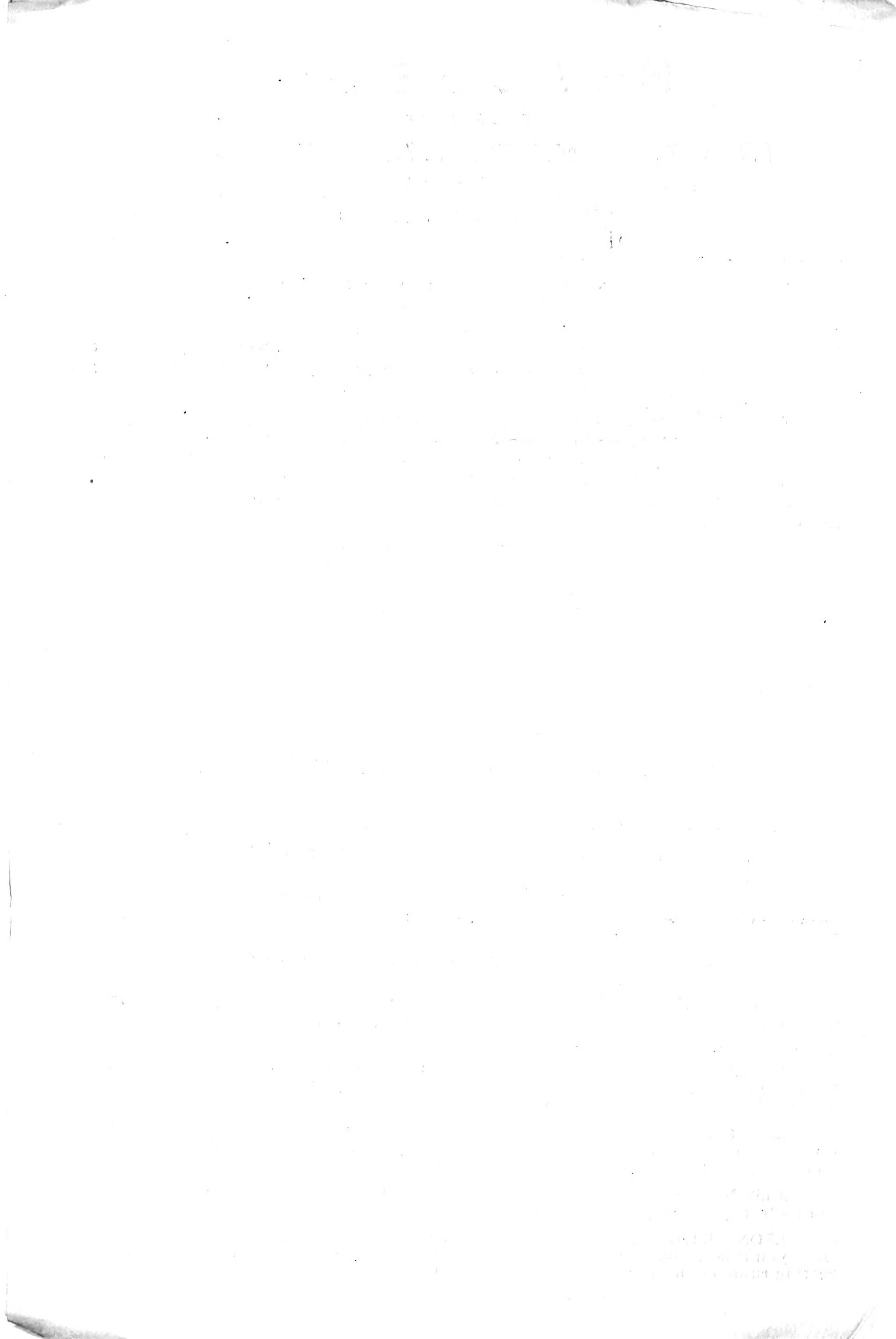
**E. B. DICKSON OF OHIO**—Writes enclosed find M. O., for 5000 Premier Strawberry Plants, I hope your plants will compare with those we got last, we picked 9329 quarts from about a half acre.

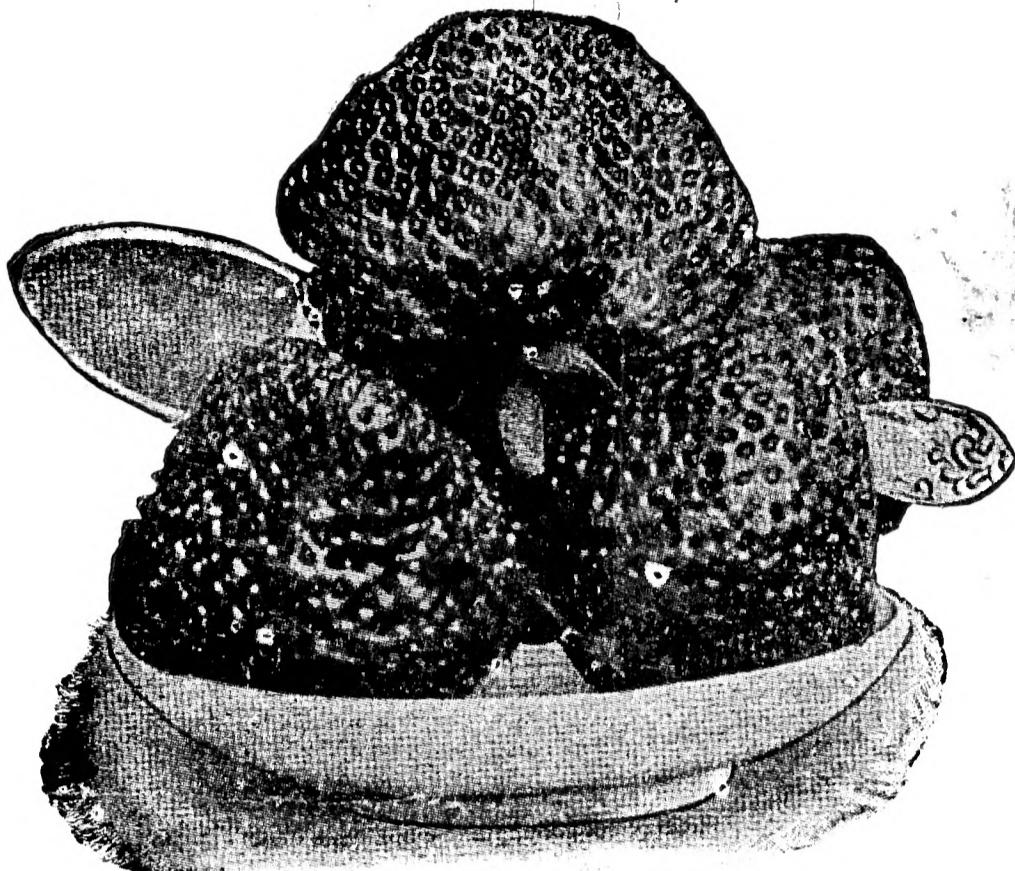
**JAMES G. RAYMOND OF CONN.**--Writes I have purchased Strawberry Plants from you for several years and have been so well pleased that I have taken great pleasure in recommending your plants to my friends.

**K. H. GREGOR OF NEW YORK**—Writes, you may be interested to know that the Strawberry Plants that you sent me in April are doing fine they sure were a fine and sturdy lot and I did not lose a single plant.

**MISS NETTIE CARTER OF MAINE**—Writes, I had some Premier Strawberry Plants from you two years ago and they were the best I had.

**LEON ARTHUR GOULD OF VERMONT**—Writes, I got 2,000 Strawberry Plants from you this spring and out of the 2,000 we have only lost four plants they are all getting runners on them they sure are beautiful.





**MASTODON (Everbearing)** — is still the most popular and extensively planted of all the everbearing varieties holding about the same position among the everbearers that Premier has among the spring varieties. Gem from my experience is a close second and would recommend giving it a thorough trial, but Mastodon has been tried for several years and is a proven money maker. Plants set this spring should begin to bear fruit soon after being set but for best results blossoms should be removed until about July first when they can be allowed to fruit and from then on to freezing weather will have blossoms, green berries in all stages of growth and ripe berries at the same time. Berries are large size, fairly firm and of good quality. Another reason that makes Mastodon a safe variety to plant is that it will not only produce a big fall crop but will bear a heavy crop in the spring, ripening in mid-season, that will compare very favorably with most of the spring bearing varieties. The plants are large with long deep roots that enable them to withstand drouth. The foliage is low and spreading which protects blossoms and berries from frost and cold in the fall.

**GEM. An Early Highly Productive New Everbearing.** This new everbearing strawberry is an outstanding variety, and is far ahead of all other everbearing sorts, with the possible exception of Mastodon. They are large in size, very uniform, bright sparkling red, and with a mild rich flavor. The berries are firm, stand shipping well, and sell for the highest prices in the market. The plants are hardy, disease resistant, and produce great crops of berries as well as being prolific plant producers. We urge you to try some of these fine berries this year.

**WAYZATA** — This new everbearing Strawberry was originated in Minnesota, where it has stood the test of extreme cold weather and has always produced a good crop of berries in the fall months of first year set and another nice crop the following spring. The fruit is extra large in size and bright rich red in color. It can also be classed as a good shipping variety, being very solid and of excellent quality. Wayzata makes very few runner plants, producing most of its berries on even strong crown shoots growing up from the main plant, for this reason it can be set 10 to 12 inches apart and a large crop of berries produced from a small area. A space, 10 feet by 10 feet, set with 100 Wayzata should produce for you from 75 to 100 quarts of berries. Owing to the shy plant making ability of Wayzata, the propagating stock is scarce and high in price. Therefore, would advise ordering early if you intend on setting Wayzata for your crop of berries this summer and fall.

# Price List of Strawberry Plants

By Parcel Post or Express

By Parcel Post Prepaid Purchaser to pay charges

	25 Plants	50 Plants	100 Plants	100 Plants	500 Plants	1000 Plants
Premier .....	\$0.30	\$0.45	\$0.80	\$0.60	\$2.00	\$4.00
Howard 17 .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00
Dorsett .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00
Big Joe .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00
Catskill .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00
Ridgely .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00
Fairfax .....	.35	.60	1.00	.80	2.50	5.00
Chesapeake .....	.35	.60	1.00	.80	2.50	5.00
New York (Corsican) .....	.35	.60	1.00	.80	3.00	6.00
Mastodon (Everbearing) .....	.35	.60	1.00	.80	3.00	6.00
Gem (Everbearing) .....	.35	.60	1.00	.80	3.00	6.00
Wayzata (Everbearing) .....	1.50	2.50	5.00			

## MY STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Are always grown in new beds,  
 Are fresh dug at time of shipment,  
 Are planted in blocks and kept pure,  
 Are sold at as low a price as we can name,  
 And furnish good plants.

## Sweet Potato Plants

**YELLOW JERSEY** — A heavy yielder of well shaped yellowish gold color Potatoes that are good dry and mealy when cooked.

**NANCY HALL** — An old favorite of uniform excellence, yellow skin, meat sweet and of amber yellow color.

**PORTO RICO YAMS** — A very popular variety. Deep orange flesh. Sweet, mellow and of fine flavor.

Price either variety: 50c per 100; 500 for \$1.50; 1000 for \$3.00. Postpaid. Plants ready about May 20th.

**Terms**—Payment must be made before shipment. If not convenient to remit entire amount when order is sent remit not less than one-fourth of the amount of the order, and your order will be booked and held for you and you can remit the remainder when convenient, before shipment.

**Our Prices**—We think our prices are as low as any reliable grower can offer the same grade of goods. Some may offer lower pices, but the best plants are always the cheapest in the end. Try ours.

**Our Stock** is equal to any grown, and you may always rely on getting it fresh and full of life, and as our soil is especially adapted to the growing of plants, we send out as fine roots as any on the market.

**OUR PLANTS ARE TRUE TO NAME**